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### CLUB CALENDAR:

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 21 --Cocktail Party & Norwegian Xmas Dinner ..... See Pg. 6  
Tuesday, Dec. 21 ---Board of Governors' Meeting.....4:30 P.M. ....  
Tuesday, Dec. 28 ---Party for Members' Children.....Details Later.....  
NEW YEAR'S EVE.....GALA PARTY.....DINNER.....DANCING..... See Pg. 6

NO LUNCHEON THIS THURSDAY.

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DEDICATION DAY LIVES UP TO ITS BILLING---A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS ON ALL COUNTS

(Editor's Note: Our tired old format just can't do justice to the biggest story in OPC history. But for our "fartherest flung" Members and for the record, here's the way we saw it).

GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING....

An estimated 200 Club members, guests, and newsreel, press, and television men and women kept a date on Monday morning at 11 o'clock with a bunch of colleagues who couldn't make it. They were there for unveiling of the plaque in the Memorial Library which bears the names of the 82 correspondents the Club honors, for formal ceremonies of dedication of the Clubhouse, and for the luncheon at which Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York and Gov.-elect Averell Harriman were the speakers.

The honored guests were the survivors of the men whose names were unveiled. Attending the luncheon after the ceremonies were Mrs. William Shenkel, widow of the Newsweek correspondent killed in the first B-29 raid on Japan, Mrs. Harry Crockett, widow of the AP correspondent, and Mrs. H.R. Knickerbocker.

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BOB CONSIDINE opened the ceremonies, introducing OPC Past President and Correspondents' Fund President WILLIAM P. GRAY, who turned over the 99-year lease on the Clubhouse to CONSIDINE. GRAY also traced the history of the Memorial Press Center. CONSIDINE then called on Governor Harriman to unveil the plaque. Founding President WYTHE WILLIAMS explained the basis for the listings of the 82 names, and then began to read the names, organizations, and dates and places of death. Other past presidents followed WILLIAMS in calling the roll.

At the luncheon, CONSIDINE introduced the guests, who included United Press Board Chairman Hugh Baillie; Ambassador Richard C. Patterson, Commissioner of Commerce and Industry; Deputy Police Commissioner Robert Mangrum; Sydney Livingston, president of the N.Y. Reporters Association; Leon Hoffman, president of the N.Y. Photographers; Charles Donnelley, president of the Silurians; Alvin Doyle, president of the Inner Circle; Krishna Balaraman, Madras Times correspondent and president of the Foreign Press Association; KATHERINE McLAUGHLIN, president of the New York Newspaper Women. Also at the lunch, representing their newspapers were Richard L. Tobin of the Herald-Tribune; William Conklin of the Times; William McGaffin, representing John Knight and the Knight newspapers; and Max Beer of the New Zurcher Zeitung.

CONSIDINE introduced Mayor Wagner who welcomed the press club to New York and joked he was glad to see that the city of which he was mayor had the "only press club in the country without a mortgage." Following in the mayor's remarks, CONSIDINE introduced Governor Harriman. Harriman, he recalled, had been in Korea with him and "beneath that mild exterior there beats a heart that scares the hell out of a lot of generals." Harriman, CONSIDINE said, drove down a road to a company CP under the sights of some very good North Korean marksmen, and as the jeep which was carrying him moved off, a general said ruefully: "Golly, I hope I don't have to be the one to get Averell Harriman killed."

In his speech, the governor-elect said "I don't mind admitting I was scared as hell that day. But when you have a job to do, you go ahead and do it." That, he said, was the reason for the 82 correspondents whom the Club honors. Harriman recalled his relations with the press over a period of 30 years, especially the foreign correspondents. He said he often got better information from members of the correspondents' corps than from many government officials. Newsmen, he said, gave him what he called "a hard-boiled, objective analysis." Only once, he said, had a newsman ever broken a confidence --and that was a columnist. At the San Francisco U.N. Conference, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov was being billed as the Kremlin's dove of peace, and Harriman, with the okay of Secretary of State Stettinius, called in newsmen for off-the-record briefings to dispel this illusion. A columnist --unnamed-- broke the confidence and quoted Harriman. Since then, however, Harriman said he was very happy to be able to have the quote kicking around, as it put him firmly on the anti-Communist record in politics.

#### ...AND IN THE EVENING, TOO

Better than 500 members and guests crowded the new quarters from 5 o'clock until after midnight and consumed more than 150 bottles of "tonic" during the festivities. The evening began with a cocktail party --bars on all floors--and dinner was served to 210 people. Tickets were available for those who wanted to watch either the live show at the Colonial Theatre or the color telecast at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. Many Members and guests watched at the Club, which had been provided with four black-and-white receivers. After the broadcast, the cast was invited to return for the party. Hospitality Committee Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN had arranged for free drinks to be served at 10 o'clock.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

### ACTIVE:

Stedman Shumway Hanks, managing editor, Masterscope since 1952; editor overseas from November 1952 to July 1953; editor domestic from January 1951 to October 1952. Proposed by ANDRE DE COIZART; seconded by VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE.

Eugene Miller, associate managing editor, Business Week (responsibilities of foreign news coverage). Proposed by FREDERICK H. SONTAG; seconded by RUSSELL F. ANDERSON.

### ASSOCIATE:

Arthur T. Jacobs, deputy executive director of United HIAS Service, Inc.; Hammond (Indiana) Daily Times from September 1929 to September 1935; editor, International Labor News of Executive's Labor Letter, National Foremen's Institute from April 1945 to March 1948. Proposed by MARTIN A. BURSTEN; seconded by LOUIS WEINTRAUB.

J. Leonard Matt; vice president, Ted Deglin & Associates; New York Herald Tribune from 1936 to 1944. Proposed by GILBERT E. BUSCH; seconded by TED DEGLIN.

Lawrence McCracken, director of Field Services, Dudley, Anderson & Yutzy; State Journal (Lansing, Mich.), night editor from November 1923 to November 1925; Detroit Free Press from November 1928 to January 1940; Pontiac (Mich.) Daily Press from 1927 to 1928; Daily Telegram (Adrian, Mich.) from 1922 to 1923. Proposed by WILL H. YOLEN; seconded by JOSEPH S. ROSAPEPE.

Howard Rusk, M.D., associate editor of The New York Times since December 1945. Proposed by OTTO TOLISCHUS; seconded by WILLIAM P. GRAY.

### AFFILIATE:

Frances L. Russell, publicity director.

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### D-Day (continued)...

Among those who returned for the reception were ED MURROW, Past President JOHN DALY; Carl Sandburg; Sid Caesar, Bob Hope; Sandy Kenyon, who played the other correspondent in the Ernie Pyle skit; Mannie Sachs, talent VP for NBC; Robert Sherwood; Richard Rodgers; BILL GRAY; JOHN BARKHAM; FLEUR COWLES; BOB CONSIDINE; Fred Coe; Henry Ford II; and Harry Sosnik.

The Hospitality Committee made arrangements for the smooth-running affair, considering limitations of space to handle the tremendous crowd. The Committee also organized a reception on Sunday for contributors to the Correspondents' Fund who were not members of the Club. More than 100 guests were shown around the club by committee members and present and former officers acting as hosts. MURROW, DALY, FLEUR COWLES, and CONSIDINE were among them. Another contributors' reception was held the previous Thursday by the Correspondents' Fund.

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RCA-FORD SPONSORED 'DATELINE' TV SHOW A MILLION \$\$ HIT (Well, \$100,000, anyway)

And anyone who didn't thoroughly enjoy the OPC-produced NBC-TV spectacular "Dateline" is not a professional critic! (Exclude Crosby of the Trib). "It happily fulfilled a number of purposes"--Gould of the New York Times....."....witty, thoughtful, stylishly put together...moments of great beauty"--Harriet Van Horne of the New York World Telegram & Sun..... In addition to other reviewers, one especially objective reporter--fella by name of CONSIDINE--filed a few hundred words telling the nation what a great show it was... Indeed it was just what it was supposed to be: A tremendous, 1½-hour, in-color TV tribute to heroic foreign correspondents and, importantly, a tribute that put solemnity and entertainment in the proper places.....Who would single out the stars among the participating Members or the pros whose terrific talents were so generously donated? Was it DALY, CONSIDINE, BOYLE, COWLES, KALTENBORN, ROBB, MAXWELL, SPIVAK, FREEDMAN, GRAY, CANIFF...to list some of the OPCers ....or Hope, Caesar, Raye, Como, Fisher, Anderson, Sherwood, Cochran, Walston, Abbott, Ford, Reiner, Sandburg, to list some of the "pros"?... or was it the President of the United States of America and his description of the American press as the "eyes and ears of our free nation."?....They were all great as they gave their all "in dead center, flush in the great snake-pit of the fat, black writhing camera cables."

Then, too, as always there were unseen stars beyond the camera's cornea--the Seven Mules who paved the way for the Four Horsemen. Only there were more mules in this show and more horsemen....As our favorite critic, CONSIDINE, said, "EDWARD R. MURROW and a few others suggested it... For long weeks it did not seem possible there could be a show. Then Toots Shor was appealed to. He got Bob Hope...and the floodgates of talent swung open. A lot of hardworking people around the OPC spit on their hands and, to quote Member HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE, fact emerged from fantasy. Among these were PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE HARTWELL, Mrs. COWLES, Eileen Lange, MADELINE D. ROSS, RUTH LLOYD, and some gents." ..In fact, so many contributed so much that the byline above "Dateline" could well have read, "By the Overseas Press Club of America."

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D-Day Quotes: When directing new Members to the Clubhouse (OPC switchboard was swamped with requests for applications last Tuesday), suggest you use Bob Hope's advice: "Look for the canopy made out of old trenchcoats!"....."My gawd, this is the first time I've ever had a bartender apologize for Jack Daniels bourbon. I can't afford it at home"--a Member Monday, Dec. 13, P.M. ...."It was the sort of party where someone said to me: 'Gosh, that looks like Richard Rodgers,' and I could answer: 'It is Richard Rodgers!'"--a Member with a Bloody Mary in hand at Club bar Tuesday noon...."After the 'Dateline' telecast, Robert Sherwood, --who is 6 ft 7--walked off wearing Carl Sandburg's overcoat. Sandburg, a mere 6 ft. 2, had to wear Sherwood's coat, and looked as if he were wrapped in a blanket..."--Leonard Lyons.

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\* OPCers Outside NY \*

\* Join in D-Day Spirit \*

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in NYC....And from points in the U.S. and "over there" came congratulations and best wishes by wire, including messages from BOB SHINN and MIKE MAHONEY in Heidelberg, Leatherneck mag's Col. DONALD L. DICKSON, in Virginia...SAM JAFFE in Atherton, Calif... LEN PRITCHARD in Pittsburgh...Dallas C. Higbee of the Charleston, W.Va., Press Club... Charles Roeder, chairman, Freedom of Information Committee, Radio-TV News Directors, Ass'n...Paul Slantis, president, Press Photographers Ass'n of Pittsburgh...LOWELL PRATT, from Bridgeport, Conn....Sylvester L. Weaver, Jr....Mrs. CARLYLE H. HOLT, Boston Globe... Maj. Gen. W.F. Dean ("The men you honor on this occasion fully share the veneration that we of the army hold for all who fell in the fight...")...LEONARD S. SMITH, from Denver (where the Denver Press Club held a cocktail salute)...LEN SLATER, from Los Angeles (he boosted the NY show on KRCA-TV out there)...MARTIN SHERIDAN, from Chicago (who did the same on an NBC show by Alex Dreier)..and others.

Reports from the West Coast and Washington were not in at press time but both had planned and undoubtedly held their own affairs simultaneous with the Dedication Day festivities in NYC....And from points in the U.S. and "over there" came congratulations and best wishes by wire, including messages from BOB SHINN and MIKE MAHONEY in Heidelberg, Leatherneck mag's Col. DONALD L. DICKSON, in Virginia...SAM JAFFE in Atherton, Calif... LEN PRITCHARD in Pittsburgh...Dallas C. Higbee of the Charleston, W.Va., Press Club... Charles Roeder, chairman, Freedom of Information Committee, Radio-TV News Directors, Ass'n...Paul Slantis, president, Press Photographers Ass'n of Pittsburgh...LOWELL PRATT, from Bridgeport, Conn....Sylvester L. Weaver, Jr....Mrs. CARLYLE H. HOLT, Boston Globe... Maj. Gen. W.F. Dean ("The men you honor on this occasion fully share the veneration that we of the army hold for all who fell in the fight...")...LEONARD S. SMITH, from Denver (where the Denver Press Club held a cocktail salute)...LEN SLATER, from Los Angeles (he boosted the NY show on KRCA-TV out there)...MARTIN SHERIDAN, from Chicago (who did the same on an NBC show by Alex Dreier)..and others.

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A.P.S. to D-Day: ..During the running D-Day story, Your newsletter has necessarily compiled considerable overset material: beaucoup postcards from the faithful flock reporting on their comings and goings and doings..In what we believed to be the best interests of OPC, The Bulletin has given priority to the D-Day events. We know some of you are peeved about omission of your dispatches. Frankly, we are a bit frustrated. Never has The Bulletin had so much copy to contend with. So what we want to say is this: D-Day is over. But don't let up now. Keep coming in with those news items... A special note to our overseas Member-"subscribers": Air Mail service on The Bulletin will be resumed--we pledge--following a mistake, which we are now tracking down. And we are taking another couple of lines to say (as we did recently in a letter to Bulletin correspondents abroad) that, while we are proud of the new OPC Clubhouse and will report its activities to the best of our ability, news of the press corps overseas will be given all possible space available.

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\* OVERSEAS \* TOKYO DATELINE--(By GREG MAC GREGOR)--The 9th & last anniversary  
\* TICKER \* party of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club at its long-time loca-  
\*\*\*\*\* tion of No. One Shimbun Alley was held recently. The Club has now  
taken over premises one block away and formerly occupied by the Ameri-  
can Club--with bar, library and cafe facilities but eliminating living quarters for  
correspondents. At the party, Fred Sparks did a masterful MCing job, despite the  
failure, as usual, of the PA system--just before awards and entertainment...Curt  
Prendergast, Time-Life bureau chief has a unique honor: first man in Japan to be issued  
a membership card in the Osaka YWCA....Jim Lucas of Scripps-Howard, returned from Korea  
with three stitches in his chin and a wrenched ankle: slipped on a path one nite and  
kayoed himself for two hours on a pile of rocks...Bob Eunson of the NY Times reported  
here Dec. 16, replacing Lindesay Parrott (who held the job 9½ years). ## (Note to  
MAC GREGOR: Membership applications are enroute to you).

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PARIS DATELINE--(By CURT L. HEYMANN)--Among the changes here:

UNITED PRESS:	EDWARD M. KORRY, Manager for France, going to LOOK Magazine; Kenneth Miller, News Editor, Paris office, going to UP London; William Landrey of UP London, taking KORRY's place.
LOOK MAGAZINE:	WILLIAM ATWOOD, European Editor, returning New York. To be foreign affairs editor.
PHILA. BULLETIN:	MORELY CASSIDY going home.
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS:	William H. Stoneman, European chief, back in Paris from the States.
THE REPORTER:	THEODORE H. WHITE, (whose French edition of American best- seller "Fire in the Ashes" does nicely) passing through town on his way to West-German assignment; and Ed. Taylor making his headquarters here.
SAT. EVE POST:	Ernest Hauser, assoc. editor, on junket for European story material; James P. O'Donnell, another assoc. editor, on brief vacation with wife Toni Howard at their Theoule (Alpes- Maritimes) home.

GEOFFREY PARSONS, NATO press chief, busy preparing forthcoming NATO council meeting and West Germany's admission. Benjamin C. Bradlee of Newsweek on quick three-corner flight Paris-Washington-New York and return; J.D. RAVOTTO, USIS film advisor, in same capacity to American High Commissioner Office, Bonn. PIERRE LAZAREFF, director-general France-Soir, and wife Helene, editor of Paris weekly ELLE, are co-authors of a current French bestseller "Russia at the Hour of Malenkov" for which they collected spot-news material on a recent trip to the U.S.S.R. Pierre made one of his rare public appearances last week, lecturing at l'Universite des Annales before a distinguished audience on "Le visage de la presse d'apres guerre." WAMBLY BALD making his (temporary) headquarters at St. Germain.



Overseas Ticker...

(Next Week: Reports from BERLIN and ROME and WASHINGTON)

*Cocktails 5 to 7  
Dinner 7 P*-----  
VARIETY OF HOLIDAY EVENTS TO BE HELD AT CLUBHOUSE

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This Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, officially opens the Club's Xmas observances. Guests of honor will be the Norwegian Ambassador to the United Nations, Hans Engen, and Life photographer ELIOT ELISOFON, who will show slides of a recent trip to the South Seas. Hospitality Committee chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN and members plan a traditional Norwegian Christmas party, with reindeer as the main course and with other Norwegian Christmas dishes on the menu. The Norwegian Export Council has provided beer and acquavit to be served--on the house--with dinner. Cocktails will precede the dinner.

The following Tuesday, Dec. 28, will find the children taking over the Club for their own party. Members are invited to bring --or have their wives bring-- the kids for ice cream and other refreshments and entertainment. Details were still in the process of being worked out at press time.

The committee was also working up plans for the gala New Year's Eve Party and supper dance. The tab will be \$4.50, covering buffet supper, music, and possibly entertainment. More details next week.

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